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WASHINGTON FOR NEA/ARN AND AMBASSADOR MURPHY

DAMASCUS FOR ECON

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT STOPOVER OF YOUNG PRESIDENT'S CLUB

1. WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF PROPELLER CLUB OF THE U.S., IN MARCH 18 LETTER TO BEIRUT PROPELLER CLUB, HAS ADVISED THAT ABOUT 50 MEMBERS OF "THE YOUNG PRESIDENT'S CLUB" (YPC) -- FOR COMPANY PRESIDENTS UNDER AGE 45 OR SO --- WILL BE IN BEIRUT 0945-1830 TUESDAY, MAY 20, ENROUTE CAIRO-TEHRAN. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THEY COULD ATTEND A REGULAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON OF BEIRUT CLUB AND BE ADDRESSED BY GOL FINANCE MINISTER OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL.

2. BEIRUT PROPELLER CLUB IS, IN EFFECT, THE LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB. IT HAS MONTHLY LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER. BEGIN FYI AS DAMASCUS AND AMBASSADOR MURPHY AWARE, CLUB HAD INVITED SYRIAN ECONMINISTER IMADI TO ADDRESS MONTHLY LUNCHEON, ON MAY 15. END FYI MAY LUNCHEON NOW RESCHEDULED TO MAY 20 TO ACCOMMODATE THIS GROUP.

3. FOR DAMASCUS: PLEASE INFORM ECONMIN OF YPC POSSIBILITY AND SAY THAT PROPELLER CLUB WOULD BE GREATLY HONORED IF HE COULD ADDRESS MAY 20 LUNCHEON. WITH SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME CAN GUARANTEE YEAR'S LARGEST TURNOUT BUT NEED DEFINITE RESPONSE THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK. PLEASE INFORM BEIRUT AND NEA/ARN OF RESPONSE.

4. FOR NEA/ARN: (1) PLEASE CONTACT YPC THROUGH PROPELLER CLUB EXEC SECTY AL FILIATRAULT, TEL 223-1401. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THEY VISITING BEIRUT AS ABOVE, CHECK OUT GROUP'S BONA FIDES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND INFORM THEM BEIRUT PROPELLER CLUB PLANNING ITS MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR MAY 20 TO ACCOMODATE THEM (THEY BEAR LUNCHEON EXPENSE OF ABOUT \$10 PER PERSON) AND (IF GROUP LEGITIMATE AND AS IMPRESSIVE AS IT SOUNDS) THAT AMBASSADOR GODLEY WILL BRIEF THEM BEFORE OR AFTER LUNCHEON. REGARDING LUNCHEON SPEAKER, CLUB JUST HAD GOL ECONOMY MISISTER SO IS ARRANGING FOR ANOTHER SUITABLE SPEAKER (DO NOT REVEAL CLUB'S INVITATION TO IMADI). (2) INFORM AMBASSADOR MURPHY OF ABOVE AND ADVISE WHETHER, IF IMADI DECLINES, AMBASSADOR WOULD CONSENT TO ADDRESS CLUB MAY 20.

5. NEA/ARN MIGHT ALSO, IF IT SEEMS WORTHWHILE, PROVIDE YPC GROUP WITH COPIES EMBASSY BEIRUT'S RECENT ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT AND PERIODIC ECONOMIC REVIEW ENCLOSED OUR A-77 OF APRIL 3. GODLEY

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